

MEMORANDUM

DATE:	24 th January 2012	STATUS	
TO:	Members of the Aerobics Community,	FROM	Amy Nield – Co-chair, Aerobics Sports Development Committee
CC:		ATT:	
RE:	January Newsletter	NOTE:	

KEY IDEAS FROM THE MEETING:

1. The 2012 Competition Handbook has been completed – this will be available on the GymSports website at the end of this week. Please read through the handbook as there is a new competition structure as well as regulations for entry into the International Stream. The highlighted changes are below.
2. Competition Dates 2012 – this has been finalised for the Sport Development Committee we are just waiting for the clubs involved to fill out the paperwork and the dates will be added to the official calendar – there are at least 3 sanctioned events in each island this year so get your diaries out and make sure that you can attend! We will also be having a North and South Island Championships. Please note to compete in a sanctioned event you must be a member of a GymSports New Zealand affiliated club.
3. Qualification Marks – the Sports Development Committee have set the qualification marks for 2012 these are set out below, and will be available on the GymSports website. Please note in order to compete at New Zealand Nationals you must be a member of an affiliated club and reach the qualification mark for each category that you compete in at a sanctioned event.
4. An expression of interest for those athletes wishing to go to the World Championships in Bulgaria will be coming out this week – remember you must be an affiliated club member to apply!
5. Judging and Coaching Courses – please look at the Education Calendar – there are Judging Courses starting in February and also the new Elementary Coach course – this will be a requirement for anybody wishing to coach to higher levels in aerobics.
6. 2012 AEROSkools kits should be available from GymSports in the next two weeks, please email the National Office Co-ordinator to order.

KEY CHANGES TO THE COMPETITION FRAMEWORK

In 2012 we are trialling a new competition framework – all the current competition categories are still available. There will be three streams:

- STEP Stream (this is for athletes whose focus is on fun, allows for a wider pathway than the current Levels programme but still incorporates the Australian AEROSkools)
- ADP Stream (Aerobic Development Programme) – this is replacing the old national stream – the age categories are still the same.
- International Stream – to align with international standards we have renamed the categories Age Group 1 and 2.

Entry into the international stream:



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- Selection for the international stream must be through an expression of interest – an athlete must express their interest to compete in the international stream before the first competition, at the competition their routine will be judged and entry into the international stream will be dependent on them achieving the required score.
- All athletes wishing to be international must be a member of an affiliated member club and be a New Zealand Citizen.

QUALIFYING SCORES FOR THE 2012 COMPETITION YEAR

Please note each individual, mixed pair and team must meet the qualifying mark to be eligible to represent their province at the 2012 GymSports Nationals in October. Qualification is at a GymSports sanctioned event only. In order to compete at a sanctioned event you must be a member of a GymSports New Zealand affiliate club.

- STEP categories (all) 13.00
- ADP 2 (formerly Junior C) 13.00
- ADP3 (formerly Junior B) 13.25
- ADP 4 (formerly Junior A) 13.50
- ADP 5 (formerly Open) 14.00
- Age Group 1 (formerly Sub-Junior International) 14.25
- Age Group 2 (formerly Junior International) 15.0
- Senior International 16.00

If your club has done something great over the month please send the information to Amy Nield amy@aspireaerobix.co.nz so that we can share it with the community – photos too would be fantastic!

Kind regards
Aerobics Sports Development Committee